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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CLONED GENOME OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C VIRUS OF GENOTYPE 2A AND USES THEREOF; the specification of which was filed on **May 14, 2002** as Application Serial No. **09/980,559** which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US00/15446 filed on June 2, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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